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## Press Release CASE Announces 2019 Endorsements

SEATTLE – The <u>Civic Alliance for a Sound Economy (CASE)</u>, a political organization of local businesses sponsored by the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, today released its endorsements for the 2019 Seattle City Council elections.

## CASE has endorsed the following candidates for the primary elections:

Seattle City Council Position 1: Phil Tavel
Seattle City Council Position 2: Mark Solomon
Seattle City Council Position 3: Egan Orion
Seattle City Council Position 4: Alex Pedersen
Seattle City Council Position 5: Debora Juarez

Seattle City Council Position 6: <u>Jay Fathi</u> and <u>Heidi Wills</u> Seattle City Council Position 7: <u>Michael George</u> and <u>Jim Pugel</u>

"Seattle voters want a City Council that gets back to basics," said Markham McIntyre, executive director of CASE. "These candidates have the compassionate and results-driven approach we need to make progress on challenges like homelessness, transportation, and public safety."

"Seattle needs elected leaders who are trustworthy and effective," said Marilyn Strickland, president and CEO of the Seattle Metro Chamber. "As a former mayor, I know that serving in elected office requires engaging in constructive dialogue and making tough decisions. It's not about ideological purity or echo-chamber politics. It's about delivering effective results for the city and neighborhoods you serve."

Recent polling shows 52 percent of Seattle voters disapprove of the job the Council is doing and 56 percent distrust the Council.

"This is a change election," said McIntyre. "Our endorsed candidates offer a different path from the status quo policies and approach of the current Council."

CASE is made up of businesses of all sizes and types across the region. CASE is focused on helping elect candidates who will restore trust with voters, deliver results on key issues, and represent their districts.

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## About the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The Seattle Metropolitan (Seattle Metro) Chamber of Commerce is the regional business advocacy organization that engages the innovation and entrepreneurship of its 2,400 members to promote inclusive economic prosperity. Founded in 1882 by local business leaders, the Chamber today is an independent organization representing a regional workforce of approximately 750,000. For more information, visit www.seattlechamber.com.